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45th ANNUAL SOUTH OPEN DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The South Open Dancesport Championships (formerly known as Southeastern States) is celebrating their 45th anniversary and is bringing some of the biggest names in the ballroom business to the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World, November 29-December 3, 2017, offering a rare opportunity to mingle with and learn from some of the sport's most elite figures.

With a warm, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere, both ballroom veterans and first-time attendees can appreciate competitive ballroom dancing at its finest. Professional and amateur dancers from across the nation will gather at the Renaissance Orlando November 29 for this exciting four-day event.

Every day and night is filled with dancers all over the world. Traditionally morning and afternoons are dedicated for all level Pro/Am dancers and this year we expect biggest participation in 45 years. Evenings will be set for Professional Championships, and every night will have different divisions and styles where professionals will try to win and be crown as the new 2017 Champions.

Saturday night will be topped by a special show prepared by Max and Tatiana from Los Angeles, CA, current World Smooth finalist and voted most charismatic couple of the year.

Additional events include seminars with champion dancers on Sunday (open to public), gourmet dinners, general dancing and awards ceremony. Tickets can be purchased online at www.sestatesdance.com or by calling (941) 799-0800, and range from \$30 for day observation passes to \$200 for dinner/show packages.

Sponsorship and Vendor opportunities are also available by calling Sid Pocius at (941) 704-7613 or emailing thesouthopen@gmail.com.

EVENT: 45th Annual South Open Dancesport Championships, November 29-December 3, 2017

VENUE: Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821 (407) 351-5555

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE: (All events take place in the ballroom, lower level of the Renaissance Orlando SeaWorld)

Thursday, November 30, 2017:

8:00 AM – 6:00PM: **Session 1**

Pro/Am and Amateur Events

9:00 PM – **Session 2**

General Dancing

Pro/Am and Amateur Events

Exhibitions, Theatre Arts, Showcases and Formations

Professional Events

Rising Star Latin, Brad Glover Theatre Arts & Smooth

Friday, December 1, 2017:

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM – **Session 3**

Pro/Am and Amateur Events

Int'l Ballroom and American Smooth Freestyles, One-Dance Championships, Scholarships, and Challenges

8:30 PM – 9:00 PM – General Dancing

9:00 PM – **Session 4**

Pro/Am and Amateur Events

Exhibitions, Theatre Arts, Showcases and Formations,

Pro/Am Open Theatre Arts Championships

Professional Events

Rising Star International Ballroom, Rising Star American Rhythm Championship, Open American Smooth Championships, Open International Latin Championship and Rising Star Grand Championships

Saturday, December 2, 2017:

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – **Session 5**

Pro/Am and Amateur Events

International Latin Freestyles, One-Dance Championships, Triple Crown Scholarships, Challenges

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM: Formal Dinner & Top Awards in the Ballroom

8:30 PM – 9:00 PM: General Dancing

9:00 PM – **Session 6**

Professional Events

Open Show Dance, Open International Ballroom Championships, Open Theatre Arts Championships

Open American Rhythm Championships, Open Grand Championships

Exciting Performance by **World American Smooth Finalists “Max Sinitza and Tatiana Seliverstova”**

Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:00 AM – 12:00PM: Seminars with Champions